



Testimony on Senate Bill 11

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Good morning. My name is Suzanne Bates. I am the policy director for the Yankee Institute for Public Policy, a Connecticut-based free market think tank.

I am here to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 11.

Debt service on our bonded debt is the fastest growing category in our state budget. It grew 13 percent from last year to this year. While some of the projects on this list look worthwhile, I do not believe they could be categorized as urgent. Given our state's current fiscal crisis, the state should not be borrowing money for projects that are not urgent. We just can't afford it.

I hope you will oppose this bill.